

TITLE V:

An Employment & Training Program

A retired housewife has found a new career and a 65-year-old man is pursuing his goal to become a computer technician, both with the help of the Senior Community Services Employment Program—Title V. This program is the only national employment and training program for low-income older adults and is operated through grants from the United States Department of Labor.

To be eligible for the Title V program, applicants must be 55 years of age or older, be a resident of Wisconsin, and meet the income eligibility requirements, meaning an annual income that is no greater than 125% of the poverty level (for example, \$10,740 for a family of one, \$14,515 for a family of two, or \$18,290 for a family of three).

Participants' skills and interests are matched with a community service assignment at a public or nonprofit agency, such as a school, hospital, human service or social service agency, or a government office. Participants have the opportunity to improve and learn new skills with on-the-job and classroom training at these community service assignments or work sites. Participants receive no less than the minimum wage (\$5.15/hr.) and work 20 hours per week. A free physical examination is offered annually. The program's goal is to find permanent jobs in the community for its participants.

Details of the program are available by calling Monica Snittler at the Department of Health & Family Services, Bureau of Aging & Long Term Care Resources at (608) 267-9097.